

# Six Women Law Makers Urge Varied Sheaf Of Bills

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There is no discrimination as to race, creed or sex for the six women members of the Legislature as they work shoulder to shoulder with the men there. They are all Democrats in a General Assembly of 142 Democrats and 10 Republicans.

Never before has the distaff side taken such an active part in serving on committees and sponsoring bills. Each woman is interested in different issues.

All six have varied backgrounds—homemakers, business and professional women—but they have one big common interest—to serve their communities at the state level to the best of their ability. The six are:

State Sen. Mary L. Nock, of Wicomico County, is especially interested in the



MRS. NOCK

budget and is a member of the finance committee. She has already introduced a bill to change University of Maryland Board of Regents from nine to seven years and limit service of any member to two terms. She expects to introduce legislation to broaden the absentee voting in Maryland to include students attending Maryland colleges.

Del. Frances Holub, 2nd District, Baltimore, is on the look-out for all bills pertaining to education, banking, women and children. As past president of the James C. Ludwig Unit, American Legion Auxiliary, she is interested in all patriotic work.



MRS. HOLUB

Del. Verda F. Welcome, 4th District, Baltimore, has introduced more bills almost than any other legislator. She has offered bills for the following:

"To prohibit use of fluoroscopes, X-ray or radiation for fitting shoes; to eliminate reference to race in the school laws; to repeal sections of the law concerning schools for colored children; to prohibit discrimination in the public schools and employment of teachers;



MRS. WELCOME

to eliminate word white in reference to the principals of the State Teachers Colleges, to remove the reference to white in the employment of supervising or helping teachers in the county public schools; to make religious desecration a misdemeanor—the so-called 'anti-swastika bill'."

She is co-sponsoring a bill with Delegates Irma George Dixon, Jerome Robinson, Sol J. Friedman, Murray Abramson, and Richard T. Rombro, 4th District, and Maurice Cardin, Carl W. Bacharach and Marvin Mandel, 5th District, to prohibit discrimination in restaurants and hotels because of race, religion or foreign birth. Mrs. Welcome is also sponsoring a scholarship bill for High School graduates.

Del. Irma George Dixon, 4th District, Baltimore, who is on the Legislative Council, is especially interested in legislation of all phases of the Blue Cross and to promote a Commission



MRS. DIXON

to study Provident Hospital, Baltimore.

Del. Margaret Schweinhaut, of Montgomery County, is working to see that the



Mrs. Schweinhaut

budget takes care of citizens 65 years old and over. She has introduced a bill to permit non-profit day camps, nursery schools and kindergartens to use the term co-operative in their titles. She is chairman of Maryland Commission on Problems of Aging and is watching the \$100,000 budget item for

study and pilot projects of the Health Department on how to get more adequate care for older persons in nursing homes.

Del. Edna P. Cook, of Montgomery County, is a sponsor of the bill, known as the "Teachers Pay Raise," to hike the minimum state scale to \$4,000 through \$6,000. She is chief sponsor of the bill, identical with this one, but that it adds a finance measure to carry the bill. It would return to 14 cents the point where the sales tax would be effective and put a tax on restaurant meals, as was the law before change by special session in 1950.



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